

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2005 ("the Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request that the Office enter the amendments set forth above and consider the following remarks. By this response, claims 1 and 26 have been amended. Claim 1 was amended to recite means for receiving and processing rules controlling access to, or use of, said content. Claim 26 was amended to recite receiving rules controlling access to, or use of, said content. Support for the amendments can be found in the Specification at, e.g., page 15. New claims 27–30 were added to recite embodiments in which the rules are included with the secure content or data stream or provided by a source external to said secure content or data stream. Support for the new claims can be found in the Specification, e.g., at pages 15 and 20. Accordingly, claims 1-7, 22, and 26–30 are pending in this application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner: (i) rejected claims 1 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the publication, "Performance Study of a Selective Encryption Scheme for the Security of Networked, Real-Time Video," by Spanos et al. ("Spanos"), in view of the publication, "Applied Cryptography," by Schneier ("Schneier"); (ii) rejected claims 2-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spanos and Schneier in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,875,303 to Huizer et al. ("Huizer"); (iii) rejected claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spanos and Schneier in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,694,332 to Maturi ("Maturi"); (iv) rejected claim 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spanos and Schneier in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,649,233 to Bass et al. ("Bass"); and (v) rejected claim 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spanos in view of publication "How Plug-Ins 'Plug In,'" by Mark

Brown ("Brown"), and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,794,038 to Stutz et al. ("Stutz").

These rejections are traversed respectfully in view of the following remarks.

Rejection of Claims 1-7, 22 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spanos.

Claims 2-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spanos and Schneier in view of Huizer.

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spanos and Schneier in view of Maturi.

Claim 22 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spanos and Schneier in view of Bass.

Claim 26 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spanos in view of Brown and in further view of Stutz.

Each of claims 1-7 and 22 (and new claims 27 and 28) includes the unique limitation of means for receiving and processing rules controlling access to, or use of, said content. This limitation is not shown or suggested by the cited prior art references, either alone or in combination.

More specifically, the Applicants respectfully note that Spanos describes Aegis, a data encryption protocol that "limits the amount of data to be encrypted or decrypted by using video compression to reduce the size of transmitted video images." Spanos at 1. Thus, Spanos does not show or suggest means for receiving and processing rules controlling access to, or use of, said content.

Schneier does not resolve Spanos' deficiencies, as Schneier only describes the particular encryption algorithm (DES) used by Aegis and key operations. Office Action mailed 1 July 2005, at 4–5.

Huizer does not resolve these deficiencies, as that reference discloses demultiplexing signals. *Id.* at 6.

Bass does not resolve these deficiencies, as Bass discloses only a method for authenticating nodes and users by constructing keys for user sessions. *Id.* at 8.

Maturi does not resolve these deficiencies, as Maturi discloses only a method for processing MPEG-encoded data streams. *Id.* at 9.

Thus, the cited art, alone or in combination, does not show or suggest the invention as recited in claims 1–7, 22, 27, and 28. The Applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw these rejections.

Claim 26 (and new claims 29 and 30) includes the unique limitation of receiving rules controlling access to, or use of, said content. Neither Spanos nor Schneier, alone or in combination, shows or suggests this limitation. Brown and Stutz teach only certain details pertaining to plug-ins. *Id.* at 11. Thus, the cited art, alone or in combination, does not show or suggest the invention as recited in claims 26, 29, and 30. The Applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

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CONCLUSION


In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in allowable form, and respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections and timely allowance of the claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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